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SENATOR BROWN: ...\$5 million, approximately \$5 million that goes to county attorneys for enforcement? We need to deal with the ramifications of not passing this legislation and be honest about it, not beat our chests and say that somehow we're doing something noble by standing up to the federal government. If we're standing up, we have to stand up across the board and we have to deal with the ramifications of it. We have to be willing to raise taxes to make up for the difference and...and we have to be consistent, but we also have to worry and worry very much and I do it. That's why I'm doing this bill, is because I care about whether women and children across the nation are getting the child support that they deserve, that children have the financial support of both...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...their parents. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Baker, on the motion to bracket LB 637.

SENATOR BAKER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, thank you. I guess, to me, this decision's getting easier and easier. The proof is in the pudding. Senator Tyson said, I believe it was, Nebraska is at 60 percent now collection, 60 percent of collection; national average, 27 percent and they're trying to tell us they have a better idea. Keith County, 80 percent. I just checked with Hitchcock County, over 80 percent consistently, at times 90 percent. The national average, twenty-seven percent, and they're telling us, we have a better idea. I guess I get a little bit tired of the attitude at HHS over there with regard to their people in the legislative process. Looking over this report, and I've gone over it umpteen times now, I go back and look at their track record and say, jeez, they don't have that computer program working and this and that, and I consistently, day after day, get reports or complaints from people, I can't get this, whether it's nursing homes, this or that, I can't get answers out of them. And we want to go ahead and do this. Doesn't make a lot of sense. What we have is working, working quite well. Once again, we continue to hear Douglas County has one of the most efficient child support collection services in